GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7155
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PROCUREMENT OF SPECIAL ITEMS FOR SIACHEN TROOPS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Defence is looking into delays in procurement of special items for troops in Siachen;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken for timely procurement of special items for Siachen troops?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7155 FOR 12.5.2005

No specific case of delay in procurement of special items for troops in Siachen has come to the notice of the Government. However, to ensure that troops in Siachen and other Super High Altitude areas, do not have any shortage of special items, the Government, in April, 2005, has approved the Army Headquarters proposal for enhanced scales and authorization. The Command-wise authorization, as it existed earlier and post-revision, is as under:-

			Earlier authorisation	Revised authorisation
(a)	Northern Command	-	17,654	24,751
(b)	Eastern Command	-	2,100	2,100
(c)	Western Command	-	-	500
(d)	100% Reserve of above quantity	-	19,754	27,351
Total		-	39,508	54,702

The enhanced authorization mentioned above would allow Army personnel special clothing to face every situation.